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SUBJECT: SUDAN'S PRESIDENT ASKS WADE TO CONTINUE HIS
EFFORTS TO END THE CRISIS IN DARFUR

Classified By: DCM Robert P. Jackson for reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

¶1. (U) En route to Cuba, President Omar Ahmed El Bashir of the Sudan made a brief stop in Dakar on September 14, when he thanked President Wade for his interest in the Sudan and asked him to continue efforts to resolve the conflict in the Darfur region. Bashir thanked Wade for having played a significant role in the signing of the peace accord in Abuja, saying Senegal also contributed by sending troops to the region and by helping with normalization of relations between the Sudan and Chad. He took the opportunity to react to questions that have arisen regarding the transitioning of the peace-keeping mission from AU to UN forces. Bashir responded: "Our position is that African forces must continue their mission in Darfur and that their mission not be transmitted to United Nations troops." Bashir stressed that he has not told the AU to get out.

¶2. (U) Wade clarified that the decision to have the UN intervene was made by the totality of African countries, including Senegal, and that Africa does not have the means (in troops or money) to resolve the problem. He told Bashir Sudan would have to appeal to the Security Council if unhappy with the decision. Saying the AU believed Sudan would accept UN forces, he added that, at this moment, no one can predict what will happen. Wade said the challenge now is to ensure the UN troops are adequately equipped to impose peace. Declaring that "when one imposes peace, you must contemplate the risk of war and confrontation," he added that he was looking for a way out of the situation.

¶3. (U) During their meeting, Bashir complained that despite the Abuja accord stipulating that any faction not a signatory would be sanctioned, those who formed the coalition referred to as "Front du Salut" (Salvation Front) are fighting Sudanese troops, yet receiving military assistance from Eritrea and Chad. In addition, he expressed bitterness over the fact that the "Front" has been visited by Western delegations.

¶4. (C) On September 14, the Ambassador raised Darfur with Senior Minister for Foreign Affairs Cheikh Tidiane Gadio, who said Wade is organizing an AU Peace and Security Committee meeting on Darfur at the head-of-state level in New York on September 18.
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